

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 were originally filed in the present application. In the Restriction Requirement mailed August 25, 2004, the Examiner restricted claims 1-17 into the following three groups:

- I. Claims 1-12 and 14-16, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 422, subclass 57;
- II. Claim 13, drawn to a method, classified in class 435, subclass 326; and
- III. Claim 17, drawn to a compound, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.

(Restriction Requirement, page 2). Applicants herein elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I. Applicants also herein cancel claims 13 and 17 in order to further their business interests and the prosecution of the present application, yet without acquiescing to the Examiner's arguments, and while preserving the right to prosecute the canceled (or similar) claims in the future.

As such, Claims 1-12 and 14-16 are pending and under examination following entry of Applicants' response to the outstanding Restriction requirement.

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